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1. FOLLOWING IS STOESSEL STATEMENT AT 4:00 PM RESTRICTED MEETING, JANUARY 28, 1976.

BEGIN TEXT.

MR. MINISTER, IN MY STATEMENT YESTERDAY I MENTIONED CERTAIN FEATURES OF THE SOVIT FORMAT WHICH GIVES US CONCERN.

TODAY, I WILL BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE FEATURES THAT THE U.S. SIDE WOULD PREFER TO INCORPORATE IN THE AGREEMENT THAT WE ARE PREPARING.

IN COMING TO THIS PREFERENCE WE HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF SEVERAL FACTORS, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

THESE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF AN AGREEMENT ON A SUBJECT OF UNUSUAL COMPLEXITY INVOLVING MATTERS SURROUNDED BY STRONG INTERESTS. THE AGREEMENT WE RECORD IN THE FINAL DOCUMENTS MUST BE CLEAR, THOROUGH, AND PRECISE IN ORDER TO DEAL ADEQUATELY WITH THESE STRONG INTERESTS.

THE SUBJECT WE ARE DEALING WITH RESTS ON A TECHNOLOGY SHARED WITH THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS; AND, THEREFORE, THE AGREEMENT WILL BE STUDIED WITH CLOSE AND CRITICAL ATTENTION BY THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH MATTERS OF
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NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY -- INCLUDING THE
PROBLEM OF PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

SOME ASPECTS OF THIS AGREEMENT WILL INVOLVE SHARING
OF INFORMATION AND SOME ASPECTS WILL BEAR ON THE OPERATIONS
OF NATIONAL MEANS OF VERIFICATION.

OTHER ASPECTS WILL INVOLVE THE PRESENCE AND ACTIVITIES
OF PERSONNEL OF BOTH PARTIES IN EACH OTHER'S TERRITORY;
AND THIS FEATURE RAISES UNIQUE QUESTIONS THAT ARE BEING
ADDRESSED IN SPECIFIC FORM FOR THE FIRST TIME.

THIS AGREEMENT, FURTHERMORE, WILL CONTEMPLATE THE
CARRYING OUT OF PROJECTS IN THE TERRITORIES OF THIRD
COUNTRIES, AND WILL SET FORTH CERTAIN THINGS THAT MUST
BE ASKED OF SUCH A THIRD COUNTRY. THOSE COUNTRIES SHOULD
HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE PARTS OF THE AGREEMENT
OF LEGITIMATE CONCERN TO THEM ARE CLEAR, COMPLETE, AND
STABLE.

IN ADDITION, WE KNOW THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL NEED
TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER IN THE FUTURE ON OTHER TOPICS
RELATED TO THE FIELD WE ARE ADDRESSING.

IN VIEW OF THESE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS, THE U.S.
SIDE IS RECONCILED TO THE NEED FOR AN AGREEMENT DOCUMENT
OF SOME DETAIL AND HENCE LENGTH.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE ANXIOUS TO EXPLOIT ANY
REASONABLE WAY TO ACHIEVE BREVITY WITHOUT LOSS OF SUBSTANCE.

WHAT WE SEEK IS AGREEMENT DOCUMENTS THAT ARE CLEAR,
THOROUGH AND PRECISE AND WHICH ALSO PROVIDE FOR SEPARATE
AND SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENT OF DETAILS THAT WOULD BEST BE
LEFT FOR FUTURE DECISION WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE BASIC
AGREEMENT.

THE TWO SIDES HAVE AGREED ON THE SCOPE OF THE TREATY.

THE U.S. SIDE STRONGLY PREFERS THAT ONLY ONE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENT BE ADDED TO THE TREATY, AND THAT DOCUMENT BE A
SINGLE PROTOCOL.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROTOCOL TEXT EVOLVING IN THESE
NEGOTIATIONS IS SUFFICIENTLY COMPLETE FOR OUR PURPOSE;
AND IT DOES PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN DETAILED MATTERS TO BE
DEVELOPED AS NEEDED. I BELIEVE FROM OUR PAST DISCUSSIONS
THAT THE MATTER OF ABILITY TO DEVELOP DETAILS IN THE LIGHT
OF FUTURE NEEDS AND EXPERIENCE IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST
TO THE SOVIET SIDE. END TEXT.

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